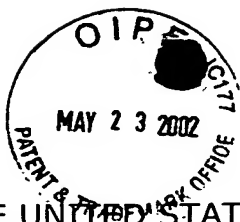


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CORROSION-RESISTANT R-Fe-B  
BONDED MAGNET POWDER FOR  
FORMING R-Fe-B BONDED MAGNET  
AND METHOD FOR PREPARATION  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Director of Patents  
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May 23, 2002

Sir:

Prior to initial evaluation, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 7, replace the paragraph starting at line 3 and ending at line 18 with the following paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made therein is attached.

21 --Furthermore, in raw material powder for R-Fe-B bonded magnets, there is rapidly quenched powder obtained by quenching a prescribed alloy melt with a quenching roller, making it amorphous, and then subjecting it to a crystallizing heat treatment, and hydrogenation treated powder obtained by taking coarsely pulverized powder obtained by coarsely pulverizing an alloy ingot of a prescribed composition, heating and holding that at a temperature of 500°C to 900°C for 30 minutes to 8